



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Joe W. Stecher and the Lincoln Police Department and Lancaster County Sheriff's Office announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

April Buffum was sentenced to four years and nine months in federal prison for possession of crack cocaine with the intent to deliver. The Honorable Richard G. Kopf pronounced the sentence and also ordered \$2,296.00 forfeited to the United States as drug proceeds. Buffum is also ordered to spend three years on supervised release following completion of her prison term.

On July 28, 2008, Buffum was a passenger in a vehicle stopped by Lincoln Police officers who had an arrest warrant for one of the other occupants. During the arrest, marijuana was found on the person. A search of the vehicle resulted in the discovery of Buffum's purse which held drug paraphernalia, six packages of crack cocaine and \$2,296.00.

Name of Defendant: April Jade Buffum

AKA:

Age: 23

City of residence: Ceresco, NE

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty)

- I. Possession with Intent to distribute five grams or more of crack
10 years to life, up to \$2,000,000 fine
- II. Forfeiture of \$2,296.00 as drug proceeds

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: between 8th and H Streets, Lincoln

Location of Arrest: between 8th and H Streets, Lincoln

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: 33.82 grams of crack

Others Charged in Same Scheme:

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: July 25, 2008

Federal Arrest Date: August 22, 2008

Date Complaint Issued:

Indictment Returned Date: August 20, 2008

Initial Appearance Date: August 25, 2008

Plea or Trial and Date(s): pled December 2, 2008

Sentencing Date: July 28, 2009

Next Court Hearing Type and Date:

Assigned Magistrate Judge: David L. Piester

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: released on conditions

In Continuous Custody Since:

Assigned District Court Judge: Richard G. Kopf

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